

National Conscription Plan Similar to Huge 'Bank Nite'

Much has been written about the conscription bill which will require registration of all California young men on Oct. 16. The following story tells just what will happen to an average man in the affected group, how the plan will operate and other important points.

SACRAMENTO. (U. P.)

John Doe, a young man between the ages of 21 and 35, will find the operation of the national conscription plan strikingly similar to a huge bank night, Adjutant General R. E. Mittelstaedt explained today.

John will first come in contact with the conscription machinery when he goes to his regular voting precinct on Oct. 16 to register. He will be one of approximately 16,500,000 men army officials estimate will fall within the specified age brackets throughout the United States.

The registration will be completed on the one day. If Young Doe happens to be traveling or is away from his local precinct for any reason he must locate the nearest precinct where he happens to be and complete the sign up on schedule. The absentee cards will be distributed later to their proper local boards.

Lottery in Washington
Regular election officials will be in charge of the registration but will turn over the completed cards to local draft boards, totaling 283 in California. The boards will arrange the lists in sequence from one to approximately 3,500 in each of the draft districts, and it is then that John will get his "lucky" number.

The next step is a huge lottery, to be conducted in Washington, to determine the order in which men shall be selected as suitable and available for service are actually called for training.

A number will be drawn by lot the first one probably by President Roosevelt—and will correspond to the serial number held by one man in each of the local board areas. Successive numbers will be drawn in the same manner until the order is determined for all men registered under the program.

John will not be officially notified. (Continued on Page 7-A)

Police Clamp Down Here On Mercury Thieves

Aroused by the continued thefts of mercury from gauges on oil rigs in the local field, Police Chief John Stroh announced this week that he will prosecute all such thefts as felonies under the state law of 1929 hereafter. Previously the thefts have been classed as petty thefts, a misdemeanor, and handled in the city court.

A Harbor City man arrested a second time in connection with a long series of mercury losses in the Torrance oil field, has begun serving a one-year sentence in the county jail, according to police records.

A series of petty thefts among which were those at the Colburn grocery, Dicalite warehouse and the home of C. T. Rippey have been cleared up with the detention of five boys between the ages of 14 and 16 years, it was learned this week. The boys were released to their parents to await action of the Los Angeles superior court's juvenile section.

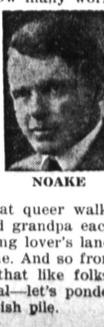
FOR FISHERMEN

"Fishing in Fisherman's Paradise" is the intriguing title of a talk to be given at the Torrance Rotary club dinner-meeting tonight by J. N. Siefert of the Southern California Automobile club. Siefert will illustrate his piscatorial report with pictures.

MARCH OF RIMES

RUBBISH PILE—By H. F. NOAKE

On the outskirts of town is a rubbish pile, graveyard of things once thought worth while, broken dishes, tin cans, empty bottles of booze and heaven knows how many worn out shoes. Things cheap and costly, once bought for cash, but now classified under one word—trash; what tales might be told if, by command, they'd rise up and speak from no man's land. That pair of old slippers, once stylish and gay, could tell of a glorious wedding day. And the party they played, for a little while in church, as a bride journeyed down the aisle. That necktie now worthless, remembers with joy the big part it played in the life of a boy; recalling that last day of school, with a sigh, when John graduated, from old Central High. That queer walking stick, now broken and still, accompanied grandpa each day, up the hill; together they wandered along lover's lane, but now grandpa's gone, and gone is his cane. And so from the things in this motley array, we learn that like folks, they too, had their day; Whatever the moral—let's ponder awhile when passing those things on a rubbish pile.



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Noted Penologist Writes Approval of Boys' Club

Warden Lewis E. Lawes of Sing Sing prison in Ossining, N. Y., commended Judge Robert E. Lessing and his co-workers in behalf of instituting a youth center here for the interest they are taking in the project in a letter received by the local magistrate this week. The noted penologist wrote:

"Referring to your letter of Sept. 16, I wish to state that you and the other members of your community are to be commended for the interest you are showing in the establishing of a boys' club in your city.

"I think that measures of this kind are a step in the right direction, as an aid to character building by giving the underprivileged children an opportunity for clean, wholesome recreation. It will pay dividends in the final analysis in that it will direct many youths on the right path who, otherwise, without proper direction, might ultimately find their way into some correctional institution."

Judge Lessing wrote Warden Lawes, J. Edgar Hoover, head of the F. B. I., and Edgar Guest, noted writer, all of whom are active in boys' club work, to ask their opinion on the plans for a youth center in Torrance. Today he announced the personnel of a special boys' club committee, authorized by the Coordinating Council, who will prepare final plans for the project.

The committee, headed by Rev. Thomas I. Marshall, vicar of St. Andrew's Episcopal church, is now compiling more details about the plan, cost figures and surveys which will be recommended to the city council Oct. 8 for immediate construction in Torrance. Members of the committee are William H. Tolson, Mrs. Ruth Woodcock, Mrs. Wilhelmina Bishop, Mrs. F. Wright, Henry Lindert, Edwin A. Bird, George Robinson, James Spivak, Charles Mitschrich and Sam Levy.

Stroh Blossoms Out in Gold-Braided and Starred Chief's Uniform

Overalls, workshirts and work caps may be "the last word" to most of this city's male population but such garb was scorned by Police Chief John Stroh this week.

Instead he broke out a new chief's uniform—complete with ample gold braid and the four stars on either side of his collar and on his cap.

Stroh thus became the first chief in the city's history to don a uniform for more than one day. Former Chief G. M. Calder had a special suit but he disdained to wear it except for special occasions, such as parades, reception of distinguished guests to the city and funerals.

"I figured I might just as well wear a uniform as buy a new suit," Stroh said in giving his reason for the garb. It can be truthfully reported that he looks very well in it, too.

MIDNIGHT IS DEADLINE TO REGISTER

Twelve o'clock midnight tonight is the deadline to register for the general election Nov. 5.

Mrs. Floy Morris, deputy registrar, will be available at the entrance of the Masonic temple, 1323 Sartori avenue, until 10 or 11 o'clock tonight to qualify voters for this election.

Mrs. Leona P. Lincoln, another deputy registrar here, will be at her home, 1027 North Lincoln avenue, to sign up voters.

The registrars point out that voters must re-register if they have moved since last registering, even if in their own precinct and also if they failed to vote at the last general election or the August primary.

Registered voters regardless of party affiliation may vote for any candidate of any party at the November general election, as the names of all candidates of all parties appear on the same ballot. Citizens eligible to register have lived in the state for one year, in the county 90 days and in the same precinct 40 days prior to an election.

Applications for absentee ballots for those who will be away on Nov. 5 may be made at either the county clerk or county registrar's office during the 15-day period, Oct. 16 to 31.

Wallace Speaks In Hollywood Bowl Saturday

Making his first far western speaking appearance of the 1940 campaign, Henry A. Wallace, Democratic nominee for vice president, will deliver a major campaign address in the Hollywood Bowl Saturday night, Sept. 28, it was announced today by the California Labor-for-Roosevelt committee, under whose sponsorship Wallace will come here.

Besides Wallace, two of America's front-rank labor leaders will join him on the platform—Daniel Tobin, vice-president of the A. F. of L., and Philip Murray, vice-president of the C. I. O. An official welcome is planned for Wallace, with Democratic city, county and state officials present to greet him on his arrival in Los Angeles the day of his address.

In the Hollywood Bowl, celebrities of the stage, screen and radio, supporting Roosevelt and Wallace, will furnish a brilliant program of entertainment preceding the main address of the evening.

Torrance Blvd. Improvement Authorized

With the city of Torrance appropriating \$20,348.05 from its share of the quarter-cent state gasoline tax fund for the project, Torrance boulevard is to undergo a major improvement from Western to Elm avenue as a WPA project that will cost \$81,392.20, it was learned Tuesday night at city council meeting.

The project, largest to be undertaken here since the construction of the Civic Center buildings in 1935, will include grading, paving, resurfacing, construction of curbs and gutters, landscaping of the boulevard's "islands" and erection of modern traffic signs. In voting to appropriate the gas tax funds, the council also approved a map of the proposed improvement prepared by the city engineer's office and instructed Acting City Engineer Glenn Jain to proceed at once with the necessary plans and specifications.

Jain said that the WPA tentatively agreed to sponsor the improvement providing the city advances the required one-quarter of the expense. The WPA share of the cost is reported to be \$61,044.15.

Details Are Announced
"We will do everything we can to rush the project thru to the WPA for final approval," Jain said, "and we confidently expect to start the work before the end of the year."

The engineer announced these details of the project which should make Torrance boulevard the most attractive arterial highway in the city:

Reconstruction of curbs from Western under the Santa Fe viaduct to the Pacific Electric depot; installation of rock retaining walls under the viaduct extending 100 feet east and west of that overhead railroad crossing; resurfacing down to Sartori from the railway station to make an 80-foot street.

From Sartori avenue west, construction of 16-foot "islands" (Continued on Page 8-A)

Factory Frolic Under Way Here With Fun for Everyone

The time has come for Torrance to forget its day-by-day life and, with a smile on its face, overalls on the shanks, red, white and blue aprons around its waist, turn out for three days of fun for everyone. The third annual Factory Frolic has come to town and there will be something doing almost every minute from 10 o'clock each morning until midnight each night. All residents and guests from out of town are urged to see all of the displays, attend all of the events arranged for their entertainment.

Grand Marshal



LEO CARRILLO

Heading the 1940 Factory Frolic parade as it winds thru the business section of the city next Saturday afternoon will be the famed Southern Californian and motion picture player, Leo Carrillo. He will serve as grand marshal and will be escorted by M. J. "Curley" Brumley, parade chairman; Mickey Elissa of Redondo Beach and others.

Carrillo will ride one of his show horses which will be equipped with a silver mounted saddle. The movie star will wear one of his typical early Californian costumes and he promises to greet all his friends along the route.

He's Chairman



L. J. GILMEISTER

Beginning of the three-day community celebration today marks the end of General Chairman L. J. Gilmeister's big job of whipping the event into shape—a job that began early in April. But "Gil" says whatever credit comes from the Frolic is due to his score or more of hard working men and women who labored to make the celebration a success.

Pueblo Undergoes Regular 'Raking Over' in Council

The Pueblo district came up for one of its periodic discussions at city council session Tuesday night after Rev. Father Joseph V. Fitzgerald, chairman of the Environment committee of the Co-ordinating Council, and Mrs. Ruth Woodcock in letters urged the installation of septic tanks or construction of a sewage system to "reduce health menace" in that area.

Jack Isen, representing the Pueblo owners, was in the audience and he declared in defense of his rentals that "conditions there are far better than within any other Mexican settlement within 30 or 40 miles from here."

Isen described the owners of the Pueblo as a corporation and said they had paid out \$9,000 to clear up their taxes and are paying a \$60 monthly water bill.

"We have never had any income to the stockholders from the Pueblo," Isen insisted. His defense of the district, which has repeatedly been the scene of inspections by local officials, residents, county and state officials, was shared by Councilman John V. Murray, who said:

Murray Backs Isen
"The Coordinating Council and others are trying to make a show of something that doesn't exist in the Pueblo. Some effort should be made to bring the ones who are kicking the most along on an inspection tour of that district with the owners. They would see that the Pueblo is not as bad as it has been reported."

After Acting City Engineer Glenn Jain had pointed out that septic tanks in the Pueblo would

have to have a collection system the same as any sewer project, City Attorney John E. McCall informed the council that such an improvement would have to be requested by the property owners in the form of a petition.

Then an assessment district could be formed to pay for the work.

Nothing City Can Do
Altho the matter was referred to the council as a whole, it was brought out that there was nothing the city could do if the property owners do not want sewer connections.

Isen said that all of the houses in the Pueblo have cesspools now and all those inhabited have running water, baths and toilets. He claimed that the houses are not unsanitary.

Repeated investigations of the Pueblo have convinced local, county and state authorities that altho the district is sub-standard housing, it conforms to minimum requirements and nothing short of a condemnation suit or "an act of God" can eliminate it from the Torrance scene.

Zamperini Injured In Motor Accident Sunday Evening

Enroute back to U.S.C. from visiting his parents here, Louis Zamperini was seriously injured in a head-on auto collision early last Sunday night at Redondo-Riverside drive and Figueroa street. He suffered two broken ribs and a badly wrenched knee which his physicians say will end all his running for several months.

Zamperini's car was struck by a machine driven by Blanche Pabstson, Los Angeles, and occupied by two men. The noted athlete, who was alone, reported that the woman appeared to be under the influence of liquor and two cars directly in front of his auto were forced to swerve off the road to avoid a collision with the woman driver.

Last week Zamperini went to work at an aircraft factory in Burbank.

See Special Supplement for All Frolic Details

Every available bit of information pertaining to the Factory Frolic is published in the special eight-page supplement to this edition.

This includes a complete day-by-day and hour-by-hour schedule of all the Frolic events, details of the big parade Saturday and the positions of all entries and a schedule of the sports events with their rules and regulations.

Readers should preserve this Frolic supplement for reference during the remainder of the Torrance celebration.

A series of seven special open-air entertainment features will be presented tonight in the Civic Auditorium and from the reviewing stand at the junction of El Prado with Cravens avenue.

Many Exhibits Arranged
A schedule of nine sports events got under way this afternoon when a number of girl bicycle riders competed for prizes in a "plank race." They attempted to ride the length of narrow boards placed on the pavement in speed dashes. A golf pitch contest in El Prado park tonight for adults will complete the first day's sports events.

In addition to the free entertainment features and sports program, the major attractions of this year's Frolic are: The Arts, Crafts and Hobby Show, complete with actual demonstrations; the dancing programs each night—Stuart Hamblen and His Covered Wagon Jubilee tonight, Garwood Van and his "hot" band Friday evening and Jimmy Bellie and His Chevaliers Saturday night; the Children's Pet Parade Friday afternoon and annual Frolic parade Saturday afternoon, and the public barbecue in El Prado park Saturday afternoon and evening.

Hundreds of articles have poured in the doors of the building adjoining The Herald office where the Arts, Crafts and Hobby show is located. Judges inspected them yesterday afternoon to award the certificates of merit and each winner is tagged for identification. The show this year is much larger than the two preceding exhibits and includes demonstrations of various hobbies and crafts by local people.

Youngsters will find that the (Continued on Page 6-A)

Torrance Future Farmers Score at County Fair

Quality was emphasized by the Future Farmers of the Torrance chapter in their exhibits at the county fair this week. Each individual entry placed first, Massachusetts entered radishes and wax beans, Robert Benigar displayed Hickory King corn, Ray Biscailuz showed a New Zealand white doe and litter of eight and all brought home blue ribbons.

The chapter exhibit showed how the classes study insect pests and their control. Although this entry did not place first, the boys felt somewhat recompensed by the \$20 award to the chapter treasury.

Bob Schwartz, Tsutomu Shiotsu, and Everett Leatherman made up the poultry judging team for the activities last Saturday. Schwartz was third high individual in judging leghorns, and Shiotsu was top man in judging American breeds.

Oil Field Cleanup Orders Issued

Property owners and owners of oil leases in the South and West Torrance oil fields are to be notified and requested to eliminate hazardous sumps, as result of city council action Tuesday night. Fire Chief J. E. McMaister and Police Chief John Stroh submitted a report listing the locations of sumps which have been left unprotected and 24 operators of wells and rigs which are regarded as dangerous.

In event the owners do not clean up or fence the sumps and strengthen rigs, the city may institute court action to obtain the abandonment deposits placed with the state to insure proper cleanup after rigs are out of commission.